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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6101

BILL NUMBER: SB 29

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 4, 2012

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Small Business Assistance Team.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Randolph

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill establishes the Small Business Assistance Team (SBAT) and designates the membership of the Team. It specifies the duties of the SBAT in providing assistance to small businesses in Indiana. It provides that, upon request by the SBAT, state agencies and other state entities shall designate an employee to: (1) assist the SBAT in carrying out the team's duties; and (2) act as a liaison between the SBAT and the agency or entity.

This bill specifies that the SBAT may not refuse to provide assistance or information to an individual or entity because of an individual's income or other compensation, credit history, credit score, employment history, or criminal history. The bill also requires the SBAT to submit an annual report to the Legislative Council.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill establishes the 10-member SBAT. The bill requires the Team to provide various informational and technical assistance services to small businesses. The SBAT shall act as a liaison between small businesses and state agencies or private organizations and programs. The bill requires the SBAT to submit an annual report to the Legislative Council before November 1st each year. The report must provide details of the SBAT's activities and include any recommended legislation. Also, the bill requires any state agency to support the activities of the SBAT upon request.

The members of the SBAT would not receive a per diem, but they would be entitled to reimbursement of any traveling or other expenses incurred in connection with the work of the SBAT. The potential cost of expense reimbursement is indeterminable. Agencies could experience some increase in workload to support the SBAT's

activities. The agencies should have sufficient resources to complete tasks requested by the SBAT, assuming the requests are aligned with the agency's normal administrative functions.

The 10 members of the SBAT would be the Small Business Ombudsmen and one member each designated by: (1) the Lieutenant Governor; (2) the Secretary of State; (3) the Commissioner of the Department of Workforce Development; (4) the Commissioner of the Department of Labor; (5) the Commissioner of the Department of State Revenue; (6) the Commissioner of the Department of Local Government Finance; (7) the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Management; (8) the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation; and (9) the Purdue University Technology Assistance Program.

Explanation of State Revenues:

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State Agencies Affected: Lieutenant Governor; Secretary of State; Department of Workforce Development; Department of Labor; Department of State Revenue; Department of Local Government Finance; Department of Environmental Management; Department of Transportation; Purdue University Technology Assistance Program.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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